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SUBJ: W/W - ONA LILES AND FAMILY

1. WE HAVE SPOKEN WITH ONA LILES, BOTH BY TELEPHONE AND IN PERSON AND HAVE INFORMED HIM OF BROTHER'S CONCERN. HE STATES HE EXPECTS TO BE ABLE TO CALL TO THE STATES (ALTHOUGH HE HAS NEVER BEEN ABLE TO RECEIVE CALLS FROM THE US DURING HIS STAY HERE) AND HE WILL CALL JOHN.

2. DECISION TO CLOSE GOOD SHEPHER WAS MADE BY SCHOOL ADMIN-ISTRATION LARGELY BECAUSE THEY FELT SMALL NUMBER OF MISSION-ARY CHILDREN EXPECTED TO ENROLL NEXT YEAR DID NOT JUSTIFY SCHOOL'S CONTINUED EXISTENCE. SCHOOL AND STAFF ARE NOW SHIPPING OUT AIR FREIGHT. THAT IS NOT ALWAYS PERMITTED THEM, HOW-EVER, AND NOTHING ELSE MAY BE REMOVED FROM COMPOUND EXCEPT FOODSTUFFS, WHICH MAY BE SOLD, AND CLOTHING, WHICH MAY BE GIVEN AWAY. THERE IS SOME POSSIBILITY RESTRICTION MAY BE LIFTED WHEN QUESTIONS SURROUNDING SCHOOL'S CLOSING ARE RE-SOLVED, BUT WE ARE NOT OPTOMISTIC. LILES DOES NOT EXPECT TO BE ABLE TO LEAVE BEFORE QUESTIONS CONCERNING SCHOOL'S TAXES, PAYMENT OF SEVERANCE TO EMPLOYEES, AND DISPOSITION OF LAND USED BY SCHOOL ARE SETTLED. HE IS UNCERTAIN HOW LONG THIS PROCESS MAY TAKE. LILES HOPES TO SEND FAMILY TO US WITHIN TWO WEEKS AND REMAIN ALONE TO RESOLVE PROBLEMS.
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3. WE HAVE ASSURED LILES OF OUR INTEREST AND WILLING-NESS TO HELP WHEREVER POSSIBLE. SIMILAR PAST CASES HAVE DRAGGED ON FOR QUITE SOME TIME, HOWEVER, AND THE ETHIOPIAN GOVERNMENT HAS SHOWN A PATTERN OF REFUSING TO PERMIT THE EXIT OF ALL OFFICERS OF A CONCERN WHEN DISPUTES, ESPECIALLY TAX QUESTIONS, ARE PENDING.

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